## New Soviet Envoy to U.S.

MOSCOW, May 18 (Reuters) — Aleksandr A. Bessmertnykh, a First Deputy Foreign Minister, has been confirmed as Soviet Ambassador to the United States, the official press agency Tass said today. He replaces Yuri V. Dubinin, who will be "transferred to other duties," Tass reported. Mr. Bessmertnykh's appointment was proposed as part of a shuffle of Soviet diplomatic posts in Europe and North America, announced last month.